

PRESS RELEASE

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Congressman John Conyers, Jr., Ranking Member of the House Judiciary Committee issued the following statement regarding reports of Florida voting machine delays:

“The debacle in Florida today is reminiscent of the Florida debacle in 2000. In 2000, our nation was faced with an election contest that threatened our sense of democracy. American citizens were deprived of their most basic right, the right to vote, and as a result we suffered through two months of uncertainty and confusion.

Today’s reports of Florida precincts that opened 4 hours late and in some cases forced up to 500 people to leave without voting stand as disturbing evidence that our election system remains in a perilous state. Nearly two years after the debacle of the Florida Presidential election, we are once again witnessing the possible disenfranchisement of thousands of Florida voters. And nearly two years after the Florida debacle there is still no federal election reform.

Republicans are blocking this bill. We need it now or the blame for future Floridas will be theirs.”

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